

## PROPOSAL FOR AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER NATIONAL CONSTITUTION

SUBMITTED BY: ATLANTA RETRIEVER CLUB

### **Purpose and Scope**

This Proposal seeks to bring continuity to the Master National Constitution and the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers Events. Currently, the AKC Regulations require that one remain an Active Handler in order to qualify as a Judge. Section 6 (4) of the Regulations reads as follows:

“An individual must have handled a qualifying dog at the level to be judged or higher within seven (7) years of the date of the event.”

The Master National Constitution does not contain this provision in its current form. However, this Proposal seeks amendment to the Constitution in order to make such a provision. As the premier arena for Hunting Test competitors, the Master National should require the most stringent standards for those seeking to judge. Therefore, the Master National Constitution should at least embody the requirements set forth in the Regulations and Guidelines for AKC Hunting Tests for Retrievers Events, and this Proposal seeks amendment for this purpose.

### **Current Form**

Article VIII, Section 6, Paragraph 1 currently reads:

Judges for the Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall be amateurs, thoroughly experienced in handling and training of retrievers and in the requirements of retriever work. It is strongly recommended that each judge have judged at least eight Master tests in AKC licensed events. However, the Board of Directors, in any year, may adopt a minimum number of events judged less than eight. All judges for the Master National shall have handled a dog at a previous Master National or have previously judged the Master National. No member of the Board of Directors of the Master National Retriever Club may be nominated, elected to, or serve as a judge for the annual event, even if they resign, during their respective term of office.

Proposed Form Article VIII, Section 6, Paragraph 1 shall be amended to read:

Judges for the Master National Hunting Retriever Test shall be amateurs, thoroughly experience in handling and training of retrievers and in the requirements of retriever work. It is strongly recommended that each judge have judged at least eight Master tests in AKC licensed events. However, the Board of Directors, in any year, may adopt a minimum number of events judged less than eight. All judges for the Master National shall have handled a dog at a previous Master National or have previously judged the Master National. No member of the Board of Directors of the Master National Retriever Club may be nominated, elected to, or serve as a judge for the annual event, even if they resign, during their respective term of office. **Before serving as a Master National judge in any given**

**year, an individual must have handled a qualifying dog and passed said dog, (i.e. earned a plate), at a Master National Event within seven (7) years of the date of the event.**

**Note: Current judges who do not meet this requirement have until January 1, 2016 to come into compliance.**

### **Conditions of Acceptance**

This Proposal is submitted by the Supporting Clubs in its current form. It shall not be subject to modification before acceptance. Therefore all those considering this Proposal must vote either Yay or Nay to the Proposal as it stands.

### **Supporting Clubs**

A list of Clubs who support this Proposal for amendment to the Master National Constitution will be attached to the Proposal as Exhibit A. A Club that wishes to support this Proposal before submission to the Master National Secretary may have a Club representative add their Club information to Exhibit A.

#### **Exhibit A**

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**Labrador Retriever Club of Piedmont** Secretary Corresponding: Elizabeth Mayo 3653 US Highway 601 N  
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